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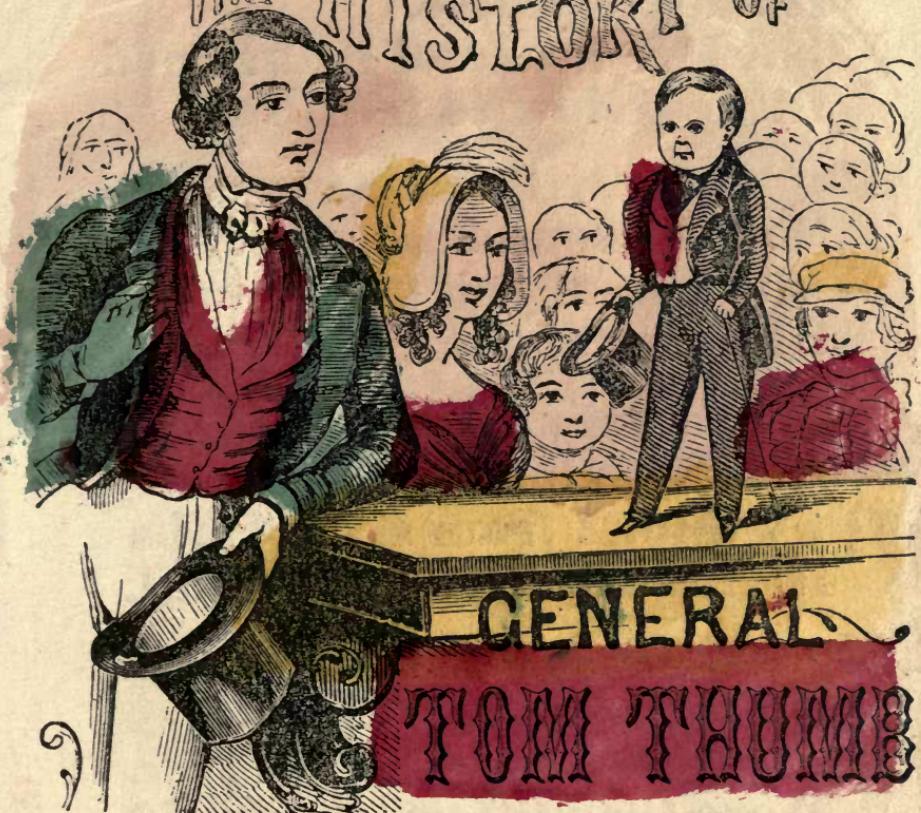
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THE HISTORY OF



GENERAL

TOM THUMB

I SUPPOSE my young friends
You would all like to see
Little Tom Thumb,
At this table with me.

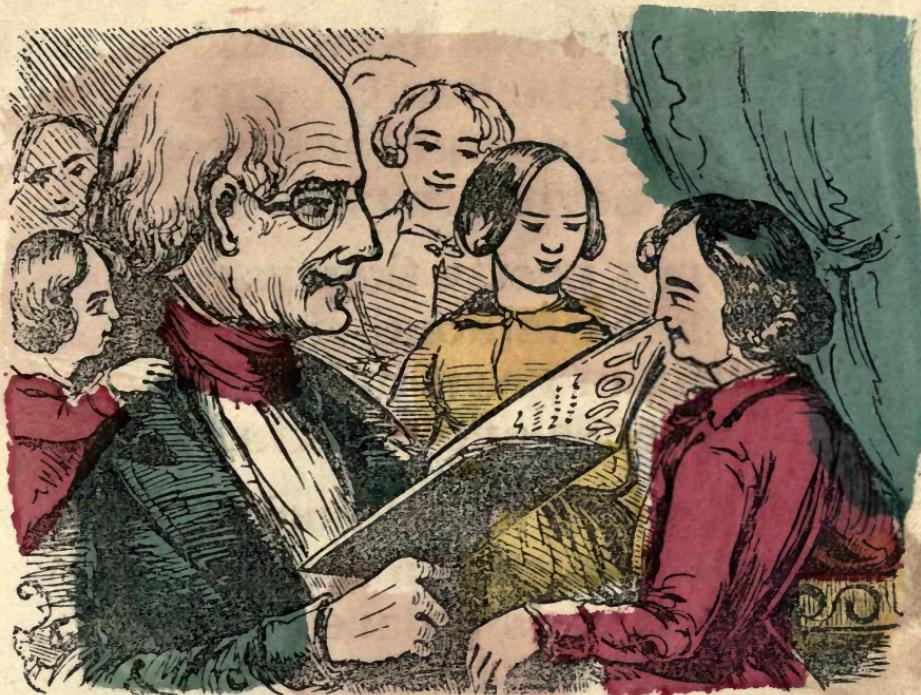
**But as he is not here,
It may be as well
What I've heard of that famed
Little fellow to tell.**

**I'm sure 'twill amuse you,
So now round me come,
While I read you the wonders
Of General Tom Thumb.**

**Tom's a very great beauty,
Although he's so small,
Only think ! from six months
He has scarce grown at all.**

**He weighs just fifteen pounds
And an ounce, I am told,
And yet he is now
More than fifteen years old.**

**He has a good figure
And a sweet pretty face,
And all that he does
Is done with much grace.**



**Though small as a baby,
You soon will find out
That he talks, and he sings,
And he dances about

And he kisses his hands
To the ladies all round,
And receives their applause
With a bow to the ground;**

Just the same as he would
If a man he had grown:
Such a wonderful creature
There never was known.

On Tom's pretty fingers
Are fine diamond rings;
The gifts of great nobles,
Of Queens and of Kings:

And a watch in his pocket,
He had from the Queen,
For Victoria's palace
Three times he has seen.

And her majesty smiled
When he picked up her fan,
And said that Tom Thumb
Was a "Smart little man."

The young Prince of Wales
Was delighted to see
Little Tom, so much older,
Yet smaller than he.



TOM THUMB

VISITING THE

QUEEN'S PALACE.

**And the two Princesses
Seemed very much pleased,
When he bowed to them both
And seemed so much at ease.**

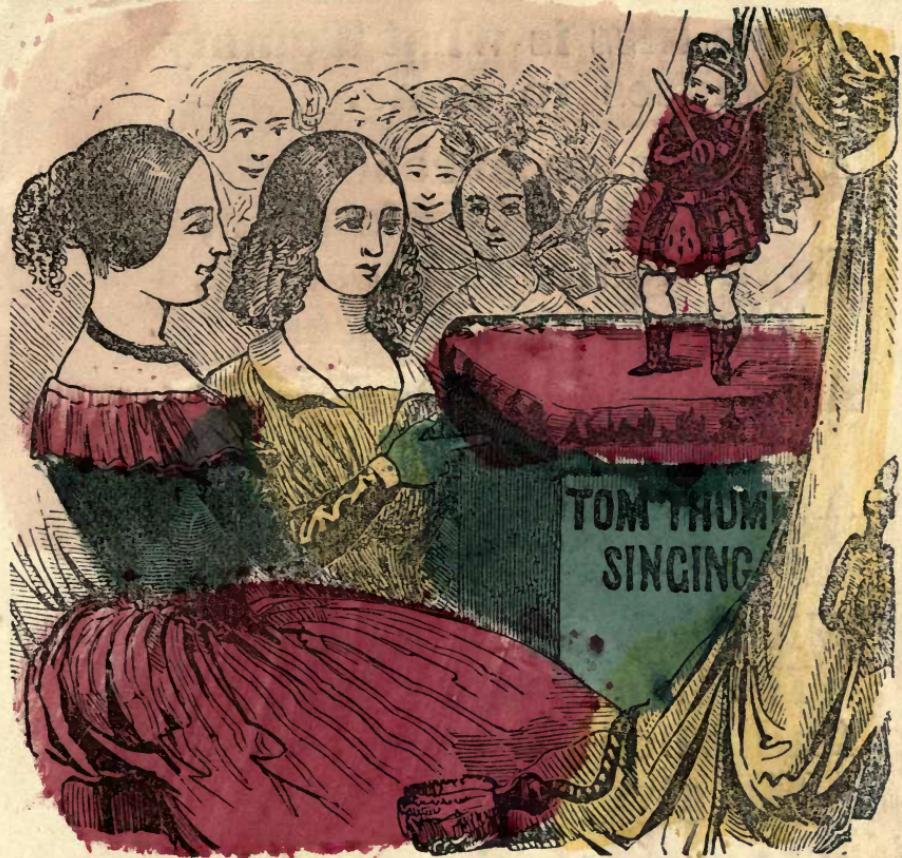
In his funny black boots,
And his little cocked hat,
And his General's coat,
With his sword besides that.

For sometimes he'll dress
Like Napoleon of France;
Sometimes like a sailor,
A hornpipe he'll dance.

And then like a soldier,
Look gallant and strong;
Then like an old man
He will hobble along.

Then again like a dandy,
With very fine clothes,
With kid gloves and cane,
Out a walking he goes.

And oft in the dress
Of a brave Highland laddie,
He sings to the ladies
"Come under my plannie."



**And they all swarm around him
Like so many bees,
So pretty he looks
With his little bare knees.
With his tiny doll's mouth
Then he kisses each one,**

For a kiss is what Tommy
Refuses to none.

At home or abroad,
Wherever Tom's seen,
To the ladies he's partial,
Though only sixteen.

And he looks all around him,
Until he can find
A sweet little girl
Who is just to his mind.

With a smile, to a chair
He hands little Miss,
And when they are seated
He gives her a kiss.

And Tom has a carriage
To come at his call;
The maker scarce knew
How to make one so small.

With two little ponies
The smallest e'er found,



TOM THUMB GOING TO ENGLAND & FRANCE.

**And they say it all cost him
Just six hundred pound.**

**And such a small driver
You never did see,
Though General Tom Thumb
Is much smaller than he.**

To France and to England
Dear little Tom went,
And most of his time
With Kings and Queens spent.

And when he started
To take this long trip,
The boys and girls followed him
Down to the ship.

He has a fine sofa,
With which a young Prince
Presented unto him,
A little while since.

Where Tom, when he's tired,
At ease may recline
On its red velvet cushion,
So soft and so fine.

'Tis so small in its size,
That it seems to the eye
Just the place for a lady's
Pet lap dog to lie.



And Tom's got a dog,
His name it is Spring;
He's as high as Tom Thumb,
And of dogs quite the king.

Yet though he's so large,
And Tom is so small,
The dog will obey him,
And come at his call.

**He will fetch and will carry,
Will go and will come,
And do all he is bid
By his master Tom Thumb.**

**But often I know,
'Tis his pleasure and pride
To have a young lady
Sit down by his side.**

**For Tommy's attentions
Are always sincere,
And from his behavior
She has nothing to fear.**

**And whenever Tom's lady
Should wish for a ride,
She soon sees his horses
Or coach by her side.**

**While once in a carriage,
The horses took fright,
Ran down a steep hill—
'Twas a terrible sight.**



**The carriage turned over,
And in the inside
Was General Tom Thumb
And his gentleman guide.**

**Who seeing the danger,
Rushed out like a rocket,
With little Tom Thumb
Quite safe in his pocket.**

One day whilst exhibiting
In a large town,
(As here you may see him,)
The flooring broke down.

Many people were hurt,
But their bruises to cure,
And make all the boarding
In future secure,

He gave from his fortune
A very large sum,
For a warm-hearted fellow
Is little Tom Thumb.

Of a rude throng of visitors
Once to be rid,
He crept into the muff
Of a lady, and hid;

Who bore him away,
Of her treasure quite proud,
But Tom popt his head out,
And spoke to the crowd,



**Declared in a voice
And a manner as bluff,
He would fight the first man
Who would enter the muff.**

**Only think what a journey
Dear little Tom had ;
His father and mother
Must both have felt sad.**

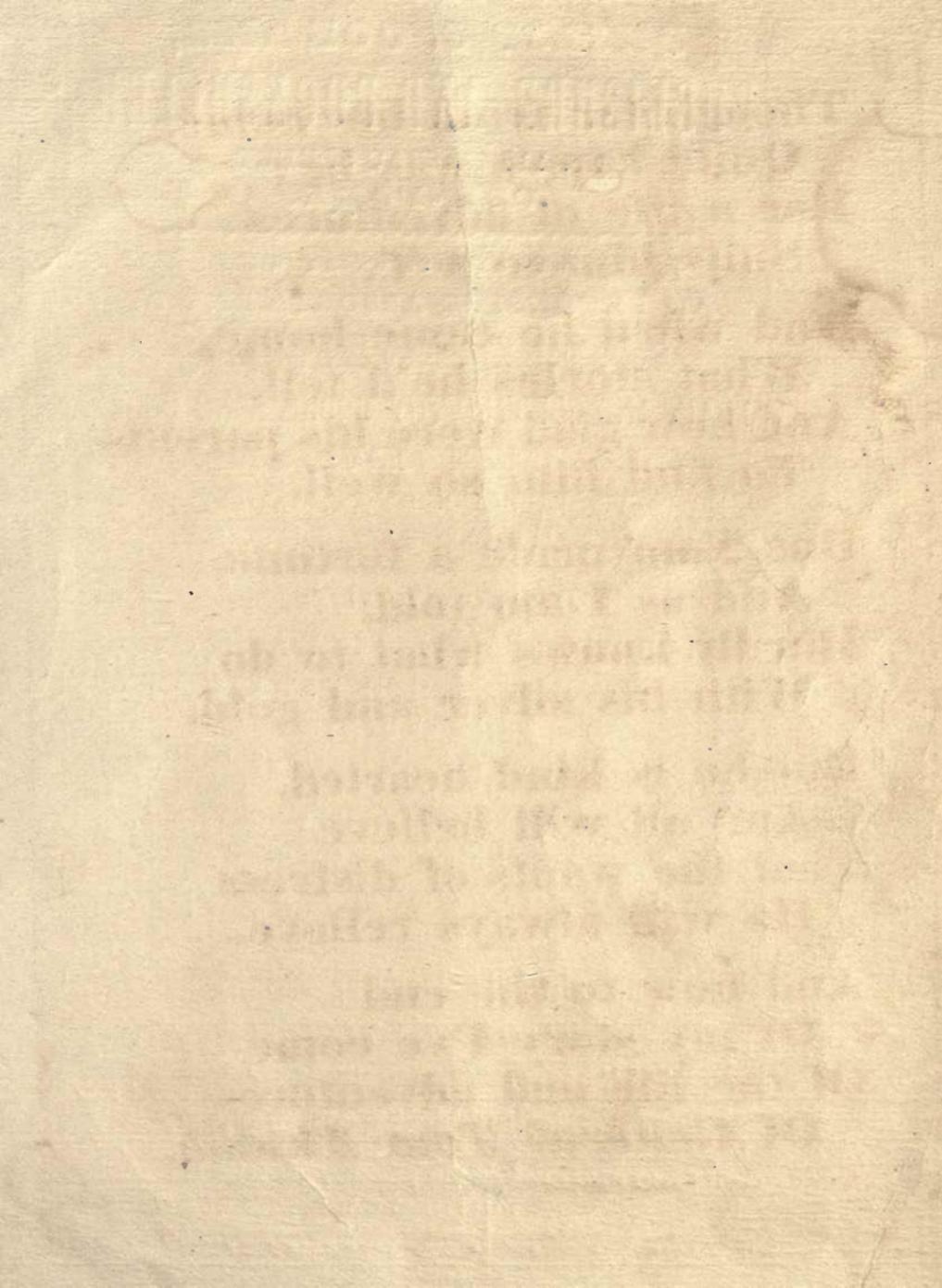
Though far from his home,
Quite happy was he;
For a life of adventures
Suits him to a T.

And when he came home
What stories he'd tell,
And how glad were his parents
To find him so well.

But Tom made a fortune,
And as I am told,
Hardly knows what to do
With his silver and gold.

But he is kind hearted,
And all will believe
That the wants of distress
He will always relieve.

And now to the end
Of my story I've come—
Of the life and adventures
Of *General Tom Thumb*.



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